

## Leaders Guide Uncommon Courage Week One 1-8-23

### **ABC Of Courage: Awareness For The Cause Of Courage**

#### **S.O.A.P. Joshua 1:1-2 NLT**

After the death of Moses the Lord's servant, the Lord spoke to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' assistant. He said, 2 "Moses my servant is dead. [Therefore, the time has come for you to lead these people, the Israelites, across the Jordan River into the land I am giving them.

**LEADER:** Courage is the ability to make the difficult choice at a personal cost. The source of courage that I need, you need, and we need for our future comes from a place outside of ourselves.

**Talk It Up:** Where is God leading you? Us? Where do you go when you need uncommon courage for a great cause, the kind of courage Joshua needed in this moment of time? What is the perspective (kingdom or worldly) shift you need to grow your courage in times such as these?

- **Think About It:** Courage is the catalyst of change. Uncommon courage is the catalyst for God to do things beyond our understanding! Where is God leading me so I can impact the lives of people of generations to come?

### **ABC Of Courage: Cultivate Your Heart In God's Faithfulness**

#### **S.O.A.P. Joshua 1:3-6 NLT**

I promise you what I promised Moses: 'Wherever you set foot, you will be on land I have given you— 4 from the Negev wilderness in the south to the Lebanon mountains in the north, from the Euphrates River in the east to the Mediterranean Sea in the west, including all the land of the Hittites.5 No one will be able to stand against you as long as you live. For I will be with you as I was with Moses. I will not fail you or abandon you. 6 "Be strong and courageous, for you are the one who will lead these people to possess all the land I swore to their ancestors I would give them.

**LEADER:** Time with God will grow your faith and when your faith grows, your courage grows.

**Talk It Up:** We battle "other" noises in our lives. Fear from within, fear from without. How can we step out of the noise, into the peace and strength of God's Word. Got a plan for that? What is it?

- **Think About It:** Where could I be in my faith walk if I shook off the doom and gloom voices, and exchanged them for a spiritual discipline of bible reading and prayer?

## **ABC Of Courage: Connected With God - Contemplating His Word**

### **S.O.A.P. Joshua 1:7-8 NLT**

Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the instructions Moses gave you. Do not deviate from them, turning either to the right or to the left. Then you will be successful in everything you do. Study this Book of Instruction continually. Meditate on it day and night so you will be sure to obey everything written in it. Only then will you prosper and succeed in all you do.

**LEADER:** A heart making that relational, vital-vertical connection with the presence of God, will grow in courage, as we saw how Joshua was **selected** for the work of God, he was **connected** to the presence of God, and he was **directed** by the Word of God. Joshua was bold as a lion!

**Talk It Up:** How, Why, When, Where was Joshua selected, connected, directed? How can we be selected, connected and directed? How can being like Joshua help us have calmness, assurance, joy, and contentment in these times?

- **Think About It:** Uncommon courage is needed to do something that is beyond you and the recognition that God is with you, because God is for you. He has already made a way to a future, but it will require uncommon courage.